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Attorney's Docket No. 08286.105004

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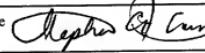
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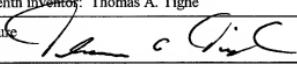
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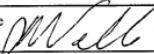
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